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In re Application of: Thiyyagesan (nmi) Ramalingam  
Serial No.: 09/687,852  
Filing Date: October 13, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2684  
Examiner: Edan Orgad  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING  
MESSAGES IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.